CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A computer terminal comprising:

a receiving means for receiving a program;

a storage means for storing correspondingly a program and provider identification of the program;

an executing means for executing the program, the program being stored in said storage means, and said storage means storing at least first and second programs;

a determining means for determining whether the provider identifications of the first program and the second program that are stored in said storage means are the same, the determination being carried out in response to a request for allowing use of data with the second program, the data being associated with the first program, and the data being able to be used with the first program; and

a permitting means for permitting use of the data with the first program if said determining means determines that the provider identifications are the same.

2.   The computer terminal of Claim 1, further comprising:

a input device for use by a user; and

a requesting means for requesting a user's permission to use the data with the second program,

wherein

upon receipt of permission via said input device, said permitting means permits the use of data with the second program, if said determining means determines the provider identifications of the two programs are the same.

3.   The computer terminal of Claim 1, further comprising:

a input device used by a user; and

a setting means for setting, on the basis of the instruction input via said input device, the permission to use the data with the second program,

wherein

if the permission is set by said setting means and said determining means determines that the provider identifications are the same, said permitting means permits use of the data with the second program.

4. The computer terminal of Claim 1, wherein the provider identification includes a communication address of a communication device which transmits the program.

5. A computer program product for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

storing correspondingly a program received by said computer and a provider identification of the program in a memory;

executing a program, the program being stored in said storage means, said storage means storing at least first and second programs;

determining in response to a request for allowing use of the data with the second program, whether the provider identifications of the first program and the second program that are stored in said memory are the same, the data being associated with the first program, and the data being able to be used with the first program; and

permitting use of the data with the first program if the provider identifications are the same.